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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: C/RE&CD/OL Meeting with Staff Administrator
(Ernest C. Baynard) for Subcommittee of the
House Committee on Government Activities
Re June 1965 to December 1965 Public Buildings
Service Contract for Painting at CIA Head-
quarters Building

1. On Wednesday morning, 5 April, I received a telephone call from [redacted] Office of General Counsel, advising that subject meeting would be held at 1400 hours. (I had previously been selected to attend with him.)

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2. I tried to reach Mr. Harold Pavel, Deputy Regional Director, Public Buildings Service (PBS), General Services Administration, Region 3, and as I was unable to reach him, I talked with Mr. Roy Eckert, Chief, Design and Construction Division, PBS, Region 3. Mr. Eckert was advised of the meeting because of the position that I was going to take in any discussion; namely, that it was a PBS contract and that changes or, in fact, any directions to the contractor were issued solely by PBS representatives. Mr. Eckert was surprised that the subcommittee would call us since the Region 3 representatives had met with the staff of the subcommittee numerous times. Mr. Eckert offered to give me the benefit of any committee questions and PBS answers. I declined on the basis that I could truthfully say that I had not discussed this matter with PBS and that I knew very little about the administration of the contract.

3. I accompanied [redacted] to the meeting where Mr. Baynard had three other members of the staff present. Mr. Baynard stated that they were investigating the very firm statements of two painters who worked for the painting contractor. Their claim is that the contract was not

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followed principally regarding the requirement for two coats and that numerous walls were painted only one time. Mr. Baynard was entirely familiar with the fact that we did not have an inspector on the job but had high hopes that some Agency representatives could make definite statements that the contract was followed or that it was not followed. He also knew that Agency employees were used to escort the painters for security purposes and that Agency employees were used to move certain furniture, safes, other equipment, etc. He also requested information regarding change orders and if Agency funds were in any way used in the accomplishment of this contract.

4. Mr. Baynard specifically requested that we make an effort to give him the names of two or three employees who may remember whether the furniture, equipment, etc., in the areas were moved once or twice for the painters to work. (This he hoped would not be too much of a task and if it developed into major research, we should advise him of the difficulty.)

5. Our willingness to cooperate was indicated.

6. On 6 April I called [] Chief, Logistics Services Division, OL, and requested that he start the necessary research and to obtain definite information on escort personnel, funding and change orders. [] felt that the latter two items would be discussed with Mr. Weaver, PBS Buildings Manager, McLean Group.

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